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1. Yugoslav weapon types vary tremendously, since Western European, German and USSR models are utilized. The Yugoslavs who for years received no assistance from abroad and who even at present do not receive military assistance, are not yet in a position to manufacture heavy weapons. Therefore for purposes of internal propaganda they turn out cannibalized weapons. An example of this is the Yugoslav tank. The body of the tank is a United States Sherman model obtained from Mexico, purchased by the Yugoslavs in Switzerland, and sold through the intermediary of the Portuguese in 1949. The tank is supplied with Daimler Benz engines purchased in Germany in 1949, with General Motors engines also obtained from Germany or with engines made in Italy. The turrets are either of German or Soviet make, but the tank bears the identification "made in Yugoslavia".
2. While Yugoslavia is awaiting the credit necessary to purchase much needed modern equipment, especially from France, Yugoslav military preparedness this spring will be based upon the following materiel:
 - a. The 98 mm. caliber rifle. Cartridges for the rifle which were ordered from the Manurhin firm in Paris have been almost fully supplied and delivered.* The Yugoslavs at present are seeking modern automatic machinery in France for the manufacture of rifle barrels of the same caliber.
 - b. The anti-tank Stream Grenade.**
 - c. The 20 mm. Hispano-Suiza cannon.
 - d. The 40 mm. Bofors (for the Navy).
 - e. Brandt mortars.
 - f. Yugoslav-manufactured pursuit plane with propellor (wood and metal). It has a Hispano-Suiza engine, and a Chauviere propeller (the pursuit plane designed by Engineer S. Popovic was manufactured by the Ikarus factory in Belgrade, and was to have performed its first test flight in the early part of May, 1951.)

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